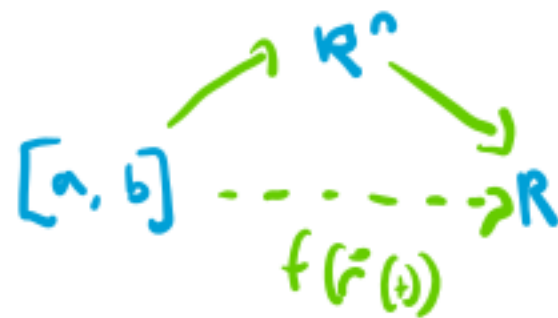


# Section 16.2 and 16.3 - Line Integrals

Idea: Function with  $n$  variables and a curve in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , understand how  $f$  builds up along the curve,  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , Curve parametrized by interval  $[a, b]$



## Steps

- 1) Approximate curve using piecewise linear segments
- 2) unravel the approximation to an interval
- 3) use approximation to approximate the height  $f$  (height on and width of segment length)
- 4) limit these approximations by refining the segments



The line integral of a function  $f$  along a curve  $C$  parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t)$  on  $a \leq t \leq b$

$$\int_C f \, ds = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}(t)) |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

arc  
length

Note:

if  $f=1$ , then  $S(C) = \int_C 1 \, ds = \int_a^b |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \text{arc length of } C$

Example: compute  $\int_C f \, ds$  for  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - xy$  and  $C$ , the upper hemisphere of the unit circle with positive orientation

counterclockwise

$$\int_C f \, ds = \int_{t=a}^b f(\vec{r}(t)) |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t) \rangle$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{(-\sin(t))^2 + (\cos(t))^2} = 1$$

$$\int_0^\pi (1 - \cos(t) \sin(t)) \cdot 1 \, dt$$

$$1 = \cos^2(t)$$

$$t - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2(t) \Big|_0^\pi$$

$$f(\cos(t), \sin(t))$$

$$f(\vec{r}(t)) = (\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)) - \cos(t) \sin(t)$$

$$u = \cos(\theta)$$

$$du = -\sin(\theta) d\theta$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2(\theta)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(-1)^2\right) - \left(0 + \frac{1}{2}(1)^2\right)$$

$$= \boxed{1}$$

$$f(\vec{r}(t)) = (\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)) \cdot \cos(t) \sin(t)$$

$$f(\vec{r}(t)) = 1 - \cos(t) \sin(t)$$

Directional line integral

For curve  $C$  parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t)$  on  $[a, b]$ , and  $x_k$  as a value of  $F$ ,

$$\int_C f dx_k = \int_a^b f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \underbrace{x_k'(t)}_{\substack{\text{derivative of the} \\ x_k \text{ component of } \vec{r}(t)}} dt$$

Example: compute  $\int_C y^2 dx + \int_C x dy$  for  $C$  the line segment is oriented from  $(-7, 1)$  to  $(5, 9)$



$$\vec{r}(t) = (1-t)\langle -7, 1 \rangle + t\langle 5, 9 \rangle$$

$$\langle -7+12t, 1+8t \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 12, 8 \rangle$$

$$\int_C y^2 dx + \int_C x dy$$

$$\int_{t=0}^1 (1+8t)^2 \cdot 12 dt + \int_{t=0}^1 (-7+12t) \cdot 8 dt$$

$$\int_{t=0}^1 \left( 12(1+16t+64t^2) + 8(12t-7) \right) dt$$

$$4 \int_{t=0}^1 3+48t+192t^2+24t-14 dt$$

$$4 \int_{t=0}^1 -11+72t+192t^2 dt$$

$$= 4 \left[ -11t + 36t^2 + 64t^3 \right]_{t=0}^1$$

$$4(-11+36+64-0) = \boxed{1356}$$

$$9(-11 + 36 + 64 - 0) = \boxed{356}$$

line Integral type 3

The line integral of vector field  $\vec{v}$  along curve  $C$  parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t)$  on  $[A, B]$  is

$$\int_C \vec{v} \, d\vec{r} = \int_{t=a}^b \vec{v}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt$$

or

$$\int_C \vec{v} \cdot \vec{T} \, ds$$

where  $\vec{T}(t)$  is the unit tangent  
of  $\vec{r}(t)$   $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$

Example: compute  $\int_C \vec{v} \, d\vec{r}$  for  $\vec{v} = \langle xy, yz, xz \rangle$  and  $C$  is the curve parametrized by  
 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 2$

$$\int_C \vec{v} \, d\vec{r} = \int_{t=a}^b \vec{v}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) \, dt$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle 1, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(\vec{r}(t)) = \langle t^3, t^5, t^4 \rangle$$

$$\int_{t=0}^2 \langle t^3, t^5, t^4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2t, 3t^2 \rangle$$

$$\int_0^2 t^3 + 2t^6 + 3t^6 = \left. \frac{1}{4}t^4 + \frac{5}{7}t^7 \right|_0^2$$

$$\frac{16}{4} + \frac{5}{7} \cdot 128 = \frac{668}{7}$$

From physics, the work done within a particle along a curve  $C$  along a vector field is given by

$$\vec{F} = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Exercise: Compute the work done by a particle moving along the unit circle counter clockwise for the quarter-circle through the full for  $\vec{F} = (y^2, -x)$



Exercise: Compute the work done by the vector field  $\vec{F} = (y^2 - x, y)$  on the quarter-circle through the full circle  $\vec{r} = (x^2 + y^2)$

Note: 
$$\int_C p dx + q dy = \int_C p dx + \int_C q dy$$

is there an analog of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus for line integrals?

Bad news: the answer is no

Good news: when  $\vec{v}$  is a conservative vector field, the line integral acts as an antiderivative

## Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  have continuous partial derivatives and suppose  $C$  is a smooth curve in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t)$  on  $[a, b]$  then

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \nabla f(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} [f(\vec{r}(t))] dt$$

$$\text{FTC: } \left[ f(\vec{r}(t)) \right]_a^b = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

Example: compute  $\int_C \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{r}$  for  $\vec{v} = (1+xy, e^{xy}, y^2 e^{xy})$  on  $\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t, 2 \sin t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$

$$\frac{d}{dy} [(1+xy)e^{xy}] = (1+xy) \cdot x e^{xy} + (0+y) e^{xy} = e^{xy} (2x + x^2 y + 0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 e^{xy}] = 2x e^{xy} + x^2 y e^{xy} = e^{xy} (2x + x^2 y)$$

$$\text{so, } \frac{d}{dy} = \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &= \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = \int x^2 e^{xy} dy \\ &= x e^{xy} + C(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$(1+xy)e^{xy} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x e^{xy} + C(x)]$$

$$e^{xy} + xy + y e^{xy} + C'(x)$$

$$(1+xy)e^{xy} + C'(x)$$

$$C'(x) = 0 \quad \text{so } C(x) = \underbrace{0}_{\text{const}}$$

$$\text{so, } f(x,y) = x e^{xy} + 0$$

is 0 so

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(\frac{\pi}{2})) - f(\vec{r}(0))$$

evaluate